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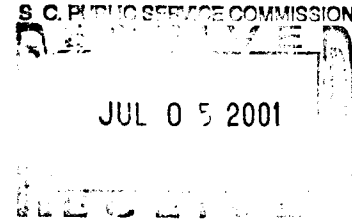
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The Honorable Gary E. Walsh
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**Re: Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Between
Rock Hill Telephone Company and AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC**

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Enclosed for filing please find three (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy (Microsoft Word '97) of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement Between Rock Hill Telephone Company and AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC. This agreement is being submitted for the Commission's approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

 Please clock in a copy and return it with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Margaret M. Fox

Enclosures

cc: Matthew L. Dosch

**INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION
AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

ROCK HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

AND

AT&T WIRELESS PCS, LLC.

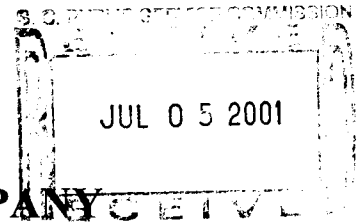


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I. Article I

1. INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement (“Agreement”) is effective as of the 1 day of May, 2001 (the “Effective Date”), by and between Rock Hill Telephone Company (“RHTC”) with offices at 330 East Black Street, P. O. Box 470, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731 and AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC,, (“AWS”), with offices at 8645 154th Avenue NE Redmond, WA 98052.

2. RECITALS

WHEREAS, RHTC is an incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in the State of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, AWS is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service provider of two-way mobile communications services operating within the state of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, RHTC and AWS exchange calls between their networks and wish to establish Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation arrangements for exchanging traffic as specified below.

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into this Agreement pursuant to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, RHTC and AWS hereby agree as follows:

II. Article II

1.0 DEFINITIONS

Special meanings are given to common words in theTelecommunications industry, and coined words and acronyms are common in the custom and usage in the industry. Words used in this contract are to be understood according to the custom and usage of theTelecommunications industry, as an exception to the general rule of contract interpretation that words are to be understood in their ordinary and popular sense. In addition to this rule of interpretation, the following terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings as specified below:

- 1.1 “Act” means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

- 1.2 “As Defined in the Act”, means as specifically defined by the Act.
- 1.3 “As Described in the Act” means as described in or required by the Act.
- 1.4 “Affiliate” means a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “own” means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.
- 1.5 “Central Office Switch” means a switch used to provide Telecommunications services, including, but not limited to:
- (a) “End Office Switch” is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated for connection to trunks. The subscriber receives terminating, switching, signaling, transmission, and related functions for a defined geographic area by means of an End Office Switch.
 - (b) “Remote End Office Switch” is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated. The control equipment providing terminating, switching, signaling, transmission, and related functions would reside in a host office. Local switching capabilities may be resident in a Remote End Office Switch.
 - (c) “Host Office Switch” is a switch with centralized control over the functions of one or more Remote End Office Switches. A Host Office Switch can serve as an end office as well as providing services to other remote end offices requiring terminating, signaling, transmission, and related functions including local switching.
 - (d) “Tandem Office Switch” is a switching system that establishes trunk-to-trunk connections. Local tandems switch calls from one end office to another within the same geographic area, and Tandem Office Switch traffic from host or end offices to and from an IXC. A Tandem Office Switch can provide host office or End Office Switching functions as well as the tandem functions.
 - (e) “Mobile Switching Center” or “MSC” is a switching facility that is performs the switching for the routing of calls among its mobile subscribers and subscribers in other mobile or landline networks. The MSC is used to connect and switch trunk circuits within the wireless network and between the wireless network and the public switched network for wireless traffic by a CMRS provider.
- A Central Office Switch may also be employed as a combination End Office/Tandem Office Switch.
- 1.6 “Commercial Mobile Radio Services” or “CMRS” means Commercial Mobile Radio Services as defined in 47 C.F.R. Part 20.

- 1.7 “Commission” means the South Carolina Public Service Commission.
- 1.8 “Effective Date” means the date first above written.
- 1.9 “FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission.
- 1.10 “Interconnection” for purposes of this Agreement is the linking of RHTC and AWS networks for the exchange of Telecommunications traffic described in this Agreement.
- 1.11 “Interexchange Carrier” or “IXC” means a carrier that provides or carries, directly or indirectly, InterLATA Service or IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 1.12 “InterLATA Service” means Telecommunications between a point located in a Local Access and Transport Area and a point located outside such area.
- 1.13 “IntraLATA Toll Traffic” means those intraLATA station calls that are not defined as Local Telecommunications Traffic in this Agreement.
- 1.14 “Local Access and Transport Area” or “LATA” is as defined in the Act.
- 1.15 “Local Service Area” means, for AWS, Major Trading Area Number 6 (Charlotte-Greensboro-Greenville-Raleigh) and for RHTC, its local calling area, including any EAS or other non-optional extended local calling plans, contained in RHTC’s General Subscriber Service Tariff.
- 1.16 “Local Telecommunications Traffic” is defined for all purposes under this Agreement as Telecommunications traffic that (a) is originated by a customer of one Party on that Party’s network, (b) terminates to a customer of the other Party on the other Party’s network within the same Major Trading Area (MTA), and (c) may be handled pursuant to an agreement between the originating Party and a carrier which performs only a transiting function for the originating Party in lieu of a direct connection between the Parties, provided that the customer of AWS is a two-way CMRS customer and receives Mobile Service on a wireless, mobile basis as described in 47 U.S.C. §153(27). For purposes of determining originating and terminating points, the originating or terminating point for RHTC shall be the end office serving the calling or called party, and for AWS shall be the originating or terminating cell site location which services the calling or called party at the beginning of the call.
- 1.17 “Local Exchange Carrier” or “LEC” is as defined in the Act.
- 1.18 “Major Trading Area” or “MTA” means Major Trading Area as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. Part 24.

- 1.19 “Mobile Service” means a radio communication service carried on between Mobile Stations or receivers and land stations, and by mobile stations communicating among themselves, and includes (a) both one-way and two-way radio communication services, (b) a Mobile Service which provides a regularly interacting group of base, mobile, portable, and associated control and relay stations (whether licensed on an individual, cooperative, or multiple basis) for private one-way or two-way land mobile radio communications by eligible users over designated areas of operation, and (c) any service for which a license is required in a personal communications service established pursuant to the FCC proceeding entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules to Establish New Personal Communications Services" (GEN Docket No. 90-314; ET Docket No. 92-100), or any successor proceeding.
- 1.20 “Mobile Station” means a radio-communication station capable of being moved and which ordinarily does move.
- 1.21 “NPA” or the “Number Plan Area” also referred to as an “area code” refers to the three-digit code which precedes the NXX in a dialing sequence and identifies the general calling area within the North American Numbering Plan scope to which a call is routed to (i.e., NPA/NXX-XXXX).
- 1.22 “NXX” means the three-digit code, which appears as the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number within a valid NPA or area code.
- 1.23 “Non-Local Traffic” - All traffic which is not Local Telecommunications Traffic as defined in Section 1.16 hereof is Non-Local Traffic and will not be subject to Reciprocal Compensation.
- 1.24 “Party” means either RHTC or AWS, and "Parties" means RHTC and AWS.
- 1.25 “Rate Center” means the specific geographic point and corresponding geographic area that is associated with one or more NPA-NXX codes that have been assigned to an incumbent LEC for its provision of Telecommunications services.
- 1.26 “Reciprocal Compensation” means an arrangement between two carriers in which each receives symmetrical rate compensation from the other carrier for the Transport and Termination on each carrier’s network of Local Telecommunications Traffic, as defined in Section 1.16 above, that originates on the network facilities of the other carrier.
- 1.27 “Telecommunications” means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.
- 1.28 “Telecommunications Act” means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

- 1.29 “Telecommunications Carrier” means any provider of Telecommunications services, except that such term does not include aggregators of Telecommunications services (as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 226(a)(2)). A Telecommunications Carrier shall be treated as a common carrier under this chapter only to the extent that it is engaged in providing Telecommunications services, except that the Federal Communications Commission shall determine whether the provision of fixed and mobile satellite service shall be treated as common carriage.
- 1.30 “Termination” means the switching of Local Telecommunications Traffic at the terminating carrier’s End Office Switch, or equivalent facility, and delivery of such traffic to the called party.
- 1.31 “Transiting Traffic” is traffic that originates from one provider’s network, “transits” one or more other provider’s network substantially unchanged, and terminates to yet another provider’s network.
- 1.32 “Transport” means the transmission and any necessary tandem switching of Local Telecommunications Traffic subject to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act from the Interconnection point between the two carriers to the terminating carrier’s End Office Switch that directly serves the called party, or equivalent facility provided by a carrier other than an incumbent LEC.
- 1.33 “Type 1 Service” often referred to as a line-side trunk connection between the telephone company End Office Switches and the wireless network, is a service that involves connection to a telephone company end office similar to that provided to a private branch exchange (PBX). A Type 1 Service is offered in connection with the provision of telephone numbers hosted by a RHTC switch.
- 1.34 “Type 2 Service” often referred to as a trunk side connection, is a service that involves Interconnection to a telephone company End Office Switch (Type 2-B) or Tandem Office Switch (Type 2-A) and the wireless network.

2.0 INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

All references to Attachments and Sections shall be deemed to be references to Attachments and Sections of this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. The headings of the Sections and the terms are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of this Agreement. Unless the context shall otherwise require, any reference to any agreement, other instrument or other third party offering, guide or practice, statute, regulation, rule or tariff is for convenience of reference only and is not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of any term herein

3.0 SCOPE

- 3.1 This Agreement is intended, inter alia, to describe and enable specific Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement does not obligate either Party to provide arrangements not specifically provided for herein.
- 3.2 This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and rates under which the Parties agree to interconnect the CMRS network of AWS and the LEC network of RHTC for purpose of exchanging Local Service Area Traffic, provided that customer of AWS is a two-way CMRS customer and receives Mobile Service as described in 47 U.S.C. §153(27), and the rules and orders of the FCC.
- 3.3 AWS represents that it is a CMRS provider of Telecommunications services to subscribers in MTA No. 6 (Charlotte-Greensboro-Greenville-Raleigh). AWS' NPA/NXXs are listed in the Telcordia's Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") for Operating Company Number ("OCN") 6010, in the state of South Carolina.
- 3.4 The Parties agree that all Local Service Area Traffic shall be exchanged via the facilities described in Section 4.1. In the event of catastrophic situations (i.e., a failure in the network or other major service outage), other facilities may be used by the Parties to exchange Local Service Area Traffic under this Agreement, including limited third party LEC networks between the Parties.
- 3.5 This Agreement is limited to traffic of RHTC end user customers for which RHTC has tariff authority to carry. This Agreement does not cover traffic of AWS on a one way mobile basis, sometimes called paging service.
- 3.6 The Parties also agree to exchange traffic associated with third-party local providers if an agreement has been made between the originating carrier and both the transiting company and the terminating company.
- 3.7 Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit AWS from enlarging its system through management contracts with third parties for the construction and operation of a wireless network under the AWS brand name. Traffic originating or terminating on such extended networks shall be treated as AWS' traffic under the terms, conditions, and rates of this Agreement.

4.0 SERVICE AGREEMENT

Description of Arrangements. This Agreement provides for the following Interconnection arrangements between the networks of RHTC and AWS. Additional arrangements that may be agreed to in the future will be delineated in Attachment A to this Agreement.

Type 2A Interconnection arrangements are based on existing Rate Center designations for AWS NPA/NXX(s), Rate Centered at RHTC exchange(s), as listed in the LERG. Routing of traffic shall be as described in this section, except that, alternatives may be employed in the event of emergency or temporary equipment failure.

- 4.1 Type 2A Interconnection: A two-way trunk group is provisioned between RHTC's Tandem Office Switch and AWS' point of presence in the Rock Hill exchange, with the point of Interconnection designated at RHTC's Tandem Office Switch. This trunk group is provisioned in connection with AWS' NPA/NXX(s) Rate Centered at the Rock Hill exchange. The Type 2A service involves the RHTC landline homing arrangement for AWS' NPA/NXX(s), hosted by AWS with Rate Center designation of Rock Hill exchange.

A. Landline to Wireless:

Local Service Area calls from RHTC customers to AWS customers shall be routed from RHTC Tandem Office Switch to AWS via the two-way direct trunk group. All other landline to wireless calls shall be routed in accordance with the Telcordia's Traffic Routing Administration instructions.

B. Wireless to Landline:

Calls originated by AWS' customers within MTA #6 (Charlotte-Greensboro-Greenville-Raleigh), or customers of another CMRS provider that has entered into roaming arrangement with AWS, while roaming in MTA #6, to RHTC's customers shall be routed from AWS' network via the two-way direct trunk group to the RHTC's Tandem Office Switch for Termination by RHTC to its customers, as appropriate. All other wireless to landline calls shall be routed in accordance with Telcordia's Traffic Routing Administration instructions.

- 4.2 Indirect Traffic to RHTC: To the extent that AWS and BellSouth, or AWS and another LEC, have entered into or may enter into contractual arrangements for the delivery of AWS traffic to RHTC for Termination to RHTC's customers (i.e., traffic that is not covered elsewhere in this Agreement), RHTC will accept this traffic subject to the compensation arrangements as outlined in Section 5 below.
- 4.3 Transit Traffic: The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is intended to govern the exchange of traffic to and from the Parties' respective networks only. Traffic that is originated on a network of a non-party Telecommunications Carrier ("Non-Party Carrier") and routed to RHTC may be delivered to AWS' network. In addition, traffic that is originated by a customer or roamer of AWS on AWS' network that is routed to RHTC may be delivered to a Non-Party Carrier. If a Non-Party Carrier objects to the delivery of such traffic, then either Party to this Agreement may request direction from the Commission, FCC, South Carolina state courts or federal courts. RHTC will continue to

perform transiting functions for AWS pending ruling from the Commission, FCC, South Carolina state courts or federal courts. RHTC will bill the originating carrier (AWS or a non-Party Carrier) the transiting charge, as specified in Section 5 below. In order for AWS or a Non-Party Carrier to bill the originating carrier (a Non-Party or AWS) for charges it is obligated to pay, RHTC will provide, subject to availability, total minutes of Transiting Traffic terminating to the terminating carrier (Non-Party Carrier or AWS). AWS shall not perform a transiting function pursuant to this Agreement. If a transiting function is desired by AWS, AWS will request an amendment to this Agreement.

5.0 COMPENSATION

5.1 Traffic Subject to Reciprocal Compensation.

Reciprocal Compensation is applicable for Transport and Termination of Local Telecommunications Traffic as defined in Section 1.16 and is related to the exchange of traffic described in Section 4.1, 4.2, and in Attachment A, as applicable. For the purposes of billing compensation for Local Telecommunications Traffic, billed minutes will be based upon actual usage recorded, with the exception of traffic described in Section 4.2, where records/reports provided by the transiting carrier shall be the basis for billing. Measured usage begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the called end-user and ends when the terminating recording switch receives or sends disconnect (release message) supervision, whichever occurs first. The measure usage is aggregated and rounded to a whole minute. Billing for Local Telecommunications Traffic shall be based on the aggregated measured usage less traffic recorded as Local Telecommunications Traffic that is Non-Local Traffic.

The rate for Reciprocal Compensation shall be \$ 0.023 per minute for Type 2A and indirect traffic.

5.2 Traffic Subject to Access Compensation.

Parties agree that traffic rated and recorded as Local Telecommunications Traffic, may originate or terminate in another MTA, and therefore shall be deemed Non-Local Traffic and subject to access compensation.

Access Compensation is applicable to all Non-Local Traffic exchanged between RHTC and AWS, as described in Section 4 and Attachment A, as

applicable. AWS shall compensate RHTC at RHTC's applicable access tariff rates for all such Non-Local Traffic.

5.3 Transiting Compensation

Transiting Compensation is applicable to the traffic originated on AWS' network and routed to RHTC over the two-way direct trunk group for delivery to a Non-Party Telecommunications Carrier that subtends RHTC's tandem, as described in Section 4.3 above.

The rate for Transiting Compensation shall be \$ 0.0016 per minute.

5.4 Calculation of Payments and Billing.

- 5.4.1 RHTC shall compensate AWS for Local Telecommunications Traffic that is delivered by RHTC to AWS over the two-way direct trunk groups, as prescribed and at the rate provided in Section 5.1, above. AWS will compensate RHTC for Local Telecommunications Traffic delivered to RHTC for Termination to its customers, as prescribed and at the rate provided in Section 5.1, and for Non-Local Traffic exchanged between AWS and RHTC, as prescribed and at the rates provided in Section 5.2, above. AWS shall also compensate RHTC for Transiting traffic, as prescribed and at the rates provided in Section 5.3, above.
- 5.4.2 AWS shall prepare a monthly billing statement to RHTC, reflecting the calculation of Reciprocal Compensation due AWS. RHTC shall prepare a monthly billing statement to AWS which will separately reflect the calculation of Reciprocal Compensation, Access Compensation, Transiting Compensation, and total compensation due RHTC.
- 5.4.3 Recognizing that RHTC has no way of measuring the Non-Local Traffic, in the event that AWS does not track the usage information required to identify the Non-Local Traffic originated or terminated by RHTC, both Parties agree to use a default factor of 5% as an estimate of Non-Local Traffic. The actual recorded usage shall be the basis for billing, when available and verifiable.

5.4.4 Where Type 2A Interconnection facilities are used for two-way traffic exchange between the Parties, the recurring charges for such facilities billed by RHTC shall be reduced by an agreed upon percentage representing the estimated or actual percentage of Local Telecommunication Traffic exchanged between the Parties over such facilities that originate on RHTC's network by RHTC's customers. This percentage is referred to as the Traffic Factor. The Parties agree to review these percentages on a periodic basis and, if warranted by the actual usage, revise the percentages appropriately.

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| a) | Landline to Wireless | 28% |
| b) | Wireless to Landline | 72% |

5.4.5 Each Party may request to inspect, during normal business hours, the records which are the basis for any monthly bill issued by the other Party and to request copies thereof provided that the requested records do not exceed twenty-four (24) months in age from the date the monthly bill containing said record information was issued.

6.0 NOTICE OF CHANGES

If a Party contemplates a change in its network, which it believes will materially affect the inter-operability of its network with the other Party, the Party making the change shall provide at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of such change to the other Party.

7.0 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

7.1 Each Party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network which are necessary for routing, transporting and, consistent with Section 5, measuring and billing traffic from the other Party's network and for delivering such traffic to the other Party's network in a mutually acceptable format, and to terminate the traffic it receives in that mutually acceptable format to the proper address on its network. Interconnection quality of service shall be at parity with that provided in comparable Interconnection arrangements. All Interconnection facilities will be at a

DS1 level, multiple DS1 level, or DS3 level and will conform to industry standards. All two-way trunk facilities will be engineered to a P.01 grade of service. (The technical reference for DS1 facilities shall be Telcordia TR-NWT-000499 as may be amended or supplemented over time. The technical reference for trunking facilities shall be Telcordia TR-NPL-000145 as may be amended or supplemented over time.)

- 7.2 The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including The National Network Security Plan and The Emergency Preparedness Plan. Neither Party shall use any service related to or use any of the Services provided in this Agreement in any manner that prevents other persons from using their service or destroys the normal quality of service to other carriers or to either Party's customers, and subject to notice and a reasonable opportunity of the offending Party to cure any violation, either Party may discontinue or refuse service if the other Party violates this provision.
- 7.3 Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its customers and to other Telecommunications Carriers.
- 7.4 Each Party is responsible for administering NXX codes assigned to it.
- 7.5 Each Party is responsible for obtaining Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") listings of the Common Language Location Identifier ("CLLI") assigned to its switches.
- 7.6 Each Party shall use the LERG published by Telcordia or its successor for obtaining routing information and shall provide all required information to Telcordia for maintaining the LERG in a timely manner.
- 7.7 SS7 connectivity is required on both Parties' networks for Type 2 trunks, where technically feasible. SS7 connectivity will be provided in accordance with the technical specifications of accepted Telecommunications industry practice and standards. The Parties agree to cooperate on the exchange of all appropriate SS7 messages for local call set-up, including ISDN User Part ("ISUP") and Transaction Capability User Part ("TCAP"), messages to facilitate full interoperability of all Custom Local Area Signaling Service ("CLASS") features and functions between their respective networks. Any other SS7 message services to be provided using TCAP messages (such as database queries) will be jointly negotiated and agreed upon. All SS7 signaling parameters will be provided in conjunction with traffic trunk groups, where and as available. These parameters include, but are not limited to, Automatic Number Identification ("ANI"), Calling Party Number ("CPN"), Privacy Indicator, calling party category information, charge number, etc. All parameters

related to network signaling information will also be provided, such as Carrier Information Parameter (“CIP”), wherever such information is needed for call routing and billing. Each Party will honor all Privacy Indicators as required under applicable law. AWS must interconnect, directly or indirectly, with the Rock Hill-designated Signal Transfer Points (“STPs”) serving the Local Service Area in which Local Telecommunications Traffic will be exchanged. Each Party may choose a third-party SS7 signaling provider to transport signaling messages to and from the other Party’s SS7 network. Any third-party provider must present a letter of agency showing its authority to act on behalf of a Party in transporting SS7 messages to and from the other Party. The third-party provider for AWS must interconnect with the RHTC-designated STPs serving the geographic area in which the traffic exchange trunk groups are located. The technical reference for SS7 signaling shall be Telcordia TR-TSV-000905 as may be amended or supplemented over time.

- 7.8 AWS shall provide RHTC with a rolling, six (6) calendar month, non-binding forecast of its traffic and volume requirements for the services provided under this Agreement in the form and in such detail as agreed by the Parties. The Parties agree that each forecast provided under this Section shall be deemed non-binding and “Proprietary Information.”
- 7.9 General service ordering guidelines apply as specified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Orders must contain all the information as required for each respective service as specified in the applicable tariff. Orders shall not be deemed to have been received until such information is provided.

Intervals associated with orders for services wholly provided by RHTC will apply as follows:

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Interval*</u>
Interconnection Trunks (Type 2A and 2B)	15 days
Special Access	15 days
Disconnect Orders	5 days

*Note: Intervals may need to be negotiated when new construction is required, ICBs or for special projects. Intervals for jointly provisioned services may vary based upon the intervals of the involved service providers.

- 7.10 In order to facilitate trouble reporting and to coordinate the repair of Interconnection Facilities, trunks, and other interconnection arrangements

provided by the Parties under this Agreement, each Party has established contact(s) available twenty four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, at telephone numbers to be provided by the Parties. Each Party shall call the other at these respective telephone numbers to report trouble with connection facilities, trunks, and other interconnection arrangements, to inquire as to the status of trouble ticket numbers in progress, and to escalate trouble resolution.

24 Hour Network Operations Center:

For RHTC:

NOC Contact Numbers:

Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST, except for Holidays, Manager of Interconnection Facilities 803-326-6501

All other times, 803-329-7117

For AWS:

NOC Contact Number: 800-832-6662

Before either Party reports a trouble condition, it must first use its reasonable efforts to isolate the trouble to the other Party's facilities, service, and arrangements. The providing Party shall follow procedures for isolating and clearing the outage or trouble that are not less favorable than those that apply to any other carrier whose network is connected to that of the providing Party. The Parties may agree to modify those procedures from time to time based on their experience with comparable Interconnection arrangements with other carriers. Each Party will advise the other of any critical nature of the inoperative facilities, service, and arrangements and any need for expedited clearance of trouble. In cases where a Party has indicated the essential or critical need for restoration of the facilities, services or arrangements, the other Party shall use its best efforts to expedite the clearance of trouble. If AWS purchases services from Rock Hill under applicable tariffs and there is a service interruption with respect to which there is an applicable credit allowance under such tariff the credit allowance to AWS shall be in accordance with the terms of such tariff.

8.0 TERM AND TERMINATION

- 8.1 Subject to the provisions of Section 13, the initial term of this Agreement shall be for two years ("Term") which shall commence on the Effective Date. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods, unless,

not less than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the Term or any renewal term, either Party notifies the other Party of its intent to terminate this Agreement.

8.2 The Parties agree that disputed and undisputed amounts due under this Agreement shall be handled as follows:

8.2.1 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "Non-Paying Party") shall, within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such disputed amount, give written notice to the Billing Party of the amounts it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item. The Non-Paying Party shall pay when due all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party. The Parties will work together in good faith to resolve issues relating to the disputed amounts. If the dispute is resolved such that payment of the disputed amount is required, whether for the original full amount or for the settlement amount, the Non-Paying Party shall pay the full disputed or settlement amounts with interest at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under South Carolina's applicable law. In addition, the Billing Party may cease terminating traffic for the Non-Paying Party after undisputed amounts not paid become more than ninety (90) days past due, provided the Billing Party gives an additional thirty (30) days notice and opportunity to cure the default. In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party, any payment of the disputed amount withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall not be subject to the late payment penalty.

8.2.2 Any undisputed amounts not paid when due shall accrue interest from the date such amounts were due at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under South Carolina's applicable law.

8.2.3 Undisputed amounts shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from the Billing Party.

8.3 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with this Section:

- (a) Each Party shall comply immediately with its obligations as set forth above;
- (b) Each Party shall promptly pay all amounts (including any late payment charges) owed under this Agreement;
- (c) Each Party's indemnification obligations shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

- 8.4 Either Party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part in the event of a default of the other Party, provided, however, that the non-defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and the defaulting Party does not implement mutually acceptable steps to remedy such alleged default within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

9.0 CANCELLATION CHARGES

Except as provided herein, no cancellation charges shall apply.

10.0 NON-SEVERABILITY

- 10.1 The services, arrangements, terms and conditions of this Agreement were mutually negotiated by the Parties as a total arrangement and are intended to be non-severable.
- 10.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to contravene any mandatory requirement of federal or state law, or any regulations or orders adopted pursuant to such law.

11.0 INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") from and against loss, cost, claim liability, damage, and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to customers and other third parties for:
- (1) damage to tangible personal property or for personal injury proximately caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents or contractors;
 - (2) claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising from the material transmitted over the Indemnified Party's facilities arising from the Indemnifying Party's own communications or the communications of such Indemnifying Party's customers; and
 - (3) claims for infringement of patents arising from combining the Indemnified Party's facilities or services with, or the using of the Indemnified Party's services or facilities in connection with, facilities of the Indemnifying Party.

Neither Party shall accept terms of a settlement that involves or references the other Party in any matter without the other Party's approval.

Notwithstanding this indemnification provision or any other provision in the Agreement, neither Party, nor its parent, subsidiaries, Affiliates, agents, servants, or employees, shall be liable to the other for Consequential Damages (as defined in Section 12.3) to the other Party or the other Party's customers.

11.2 The Indemnified Party will notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any claims, lawsuits, or demands by customers or other third parties for which the Indemnified Party alleges that the Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section, and, if requested by the Indemnifying Party, will tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand.

- (1) In the event the Indemnifying Party does not promptly assume or diligently pursue the defense of the tendered action, then the Indemnified Party may proceed to defend or settle said action and the Indemnifying Party shall hold harmless the Indemnified Party from any loss, cost liability, damage and expense.
- (2) In the event the Party otherwise entitled to indemnification from the other elects to decline such indemnification, then the Party making such an election may, at its own expense, assume defense and settlement of the claim, lawsuit or demand.
- (3) The Parties will cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of any claim, demand, or lawsuit.

12.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

12.1 No liability shall attach to either Party, its parents, subsidiaries, Affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, or partners for damages arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing, or providing or failing to provide services or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information with respect thereof or with respect to users of the services or facilities) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

12.2 Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.0, no Party shall be liable to the other Party or its customers for any loss, defect or equipment failure caused by the conduct of the first Party, its agents, servants, contractors or others acting in aid or concert with that Party, except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- 12.3 In no event shall either Party have any liability whatsoever to the other Party or its customers for any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted or done hereunder (collectively, "Consequential Damages"), even if the other Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

13.0 REGULATORY APPROVAL

The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission, and to the extent required by FCC rules may thereafter be filed with the FCC. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval of this Agreement by the Commission or the FCC under Section 252(e) of the Act without modification. The Parties, however, reserve the right to seek regulatory relief and otherwise seek redress from each other regarding performance and implementation of this Agreement. In the event the Commission or FCC rejects this Agreement in whole or in part, the Parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a mutually acceptable modification of the rejected portion(s). Further, this Agreement is subject to change, modification, or cancellation as may be required by a regulatory authority or court in the exercise of its lawful jurisdiction.

The Parties agree that their entrance into this Agreement is without prejudice to any positions they may have taken previously, or may take in future, in any legislative, regulatory, judicial or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters related to the same types of arrangements covered in this Agreement.

14.0 PENDING JUDICIAL APPEALS AND REGULATORY RECONSIDERATION

The Parties acknowledge that the respective rights and obligations of each Party as set forth in this Agreement are based on the text of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and the Commission as of the Effective Date ("Applicable Rules"). In the event of any amendment to the Act, any effective legislative action or any effective regulatory or judicial order, rule, regulation, arbitration award, dispute resolution procedures under this Agreement or other legal action purporting to apply the provisions of the Act to the Parties or in which the FCC or the Commission makes a generic determination that is generally applicable which revises, modifies or reverses the Applicable Rules (individually and collectively, "Amended Rules") either Party may, by providing

written notice to the other Party, require that the affected provisions of this Agreement be renegotiated in good faith and this Agreement shall be amended accordingly to reflect the pricing, terms and conditions of each such Amended Rules relating to any of the provisions in this Agreement.

15.0 MOST FAVORED NATION PROVISION

In accordance with Section 252(i) of the Act, AWS shall be entitled to obtain from RHTC any Interconnection/Reciprocal Compensation arrangement provided by RHTC to any other CMRS provider that has been filed and approved by the Commission, for services described in such agreement, on the same terms and conditions.

16.0 MISCELLANEOUS

16.1 Authorization

16.1.1 RHTC is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of South Carolina and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to any necessary regulatory approval.

16.1.2 AWS is a LLC duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to any necessary regulatory approval.

16.2 Compliance. Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement.

16.3 Independent Contractors. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by AWS or RHTC in compliance with this Agreement, shall be deemed to create an agency or joint venture relationship between AWS and RHTC, or any relationship other than that of purchaser and seller of services. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by AWS or RHTC in compliance with this Agreement, shall create a contractual, agency, or any other type of relationship or third party liability between AWS and RHTC end users or others.

16.4 Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and

without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, equipment failure, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (collectively, a "Force Majeure Event"). If any Force Majeure condition occurs, the Party delayed or unable to perform shall give immediate notice to the other Party and shall take all reasonable steps to correct the force majeure condition. During the pendency of the Force Majeure, the duties of the Parties under this Agreement affected by the Force Majeure condition shall be abated and shall resume without liability thereafter.

16.5 Confidentiality

16.5.1 Any information such as specifications, drawings, sketches, business information, forecasts, models, samples, data, computer programs and other software and documentation of one Party (a "Disclosing Party" that is furnished or made available or otherwise disclosed to the other Party or any of its employees, contractors, or agents (its "Representatives" and with a Party, a "Receiving Party") pursuant to this Agreement ("Proprietary Information") shall be deemed the property of the Disclosing Party. Proprietary Information, if written, shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary" or other similar notice, and, if oral or visual, shall be confirmed in writing as confidential by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days after disclosure. Unless Proprietary Information was previously known by the Receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by an act not attributable to the Receiving Party, or is explicitly agreed in writing not to be regarded as confidential, such information: (i) shall be held in confidence by each Receiving Party; (ii) shall be disclosed to only those persons who have a need for it in connection with the provision of services required to fulfill this Agreement and shall be used by those persons only for such purposes; and (iii) may be used for other purposes only upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed to in advance of such use in writing by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Receiving Party shall be entitled to disclose or provide Proprietary Information as required by any governmental authority or applicable law, upon advice of counsel, only in accordance with Section 16.5.2 of this Agreement.

16.5.2 If any Receiving Party is required by any governmental authority or by applicable law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then such Receiving Party shall provide the Disclosing Party with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible and prior to such disclosure. The Disclosing Party may then seek appropriate protective relief from all or part of such requirement. The Receiving Party shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the

Disclosing Party in attempting to obtain any protective relief which such Disclosing Party chooses to obtain.

- 16.5.3 In the event of the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, each Party shall return to the other Party or destroy all Proprietary Information and other documents, work papers and other material (including all copies thereof) obtained from the other Party in connection with this Agreement and shall use all reasonable efforts, including instructing its employees and others who have had access to such information, to keep confidential and not to use any such information, unless such information is now, or is hereafter disclosed, through no act, omission or fault of such Party, in any manner making it available to the general public.
- 16.6 Governing Law. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction (primary or otherwise) of the FCC, the exclusive jurisdiction and remedy for all such claims shall be as provided for by the FCC and the Act. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction (primary or otherwise) of the Commission, the exclusive jurisdiction for all such claims shall be with the Commission, and the exclusive remedy for such claims shall be as provided for by such Commission. In all other respects, this Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the State of South Carolina without reference to conflict of law provisions.
- 16.7 Taxes. Each Party purchasing services hereunder shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges levied against or upon such purchasing Party (or the providing Party when such providing Party is permitted to pass along to the purchasing Party such taxes, fees or surcharges), except for any tax on either Party's corporate existence, status or income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide such sale for resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party.
- 16.8 Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties and shall continue to be binding upon all such entities regardless of any subsequent change in their ownership. Each Party covenants that, if it sells or otherwise transfers to a third party, unless the Party which is not the subject of the sale or transfer reasonably determines that the legal structure of the transfer vitiates any such need, it will require as a condition of such transfer that the transferee agree to be bound by this Agreement with respect to services provided over the transferred facilities. Except as provided in this paragraph, neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or

obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other Party which consent will not be unreasonably withheld; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement to a corporate Affiliate or an entity acquiring all or substantially all of its assets or equity by providing prior written notice to the other Party of such assignment or transfer. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

- 16.9 Non-Waiver. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege.

16.10 Notices.

Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be: (i) delivered personally; (ii) delivered by express delivery service; (iii) mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested to the following addresses of the Parties:

To: AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC
8645 154th Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Attn: Jill Mounsey

To: Rock Hill Telephone Company
330 East Black Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731
Attn: Vice President of External Affairs

With a copy to:
Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A.
215 South Monroe St.; Suite 701
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Attn: Floyd Self

Or to such other address as either Party shall designate by proper notice. Notices will be deemed given as of the earlier of: (i) the date of actual receipt; (ii) the next business day when notice is sent via express mail or personal delivery; (iii) three (3) days after mailing in the case of certified U.S. mail.

- 16.11 Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks. Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use the other Party's trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary trade dress in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without such Party's prior written consent.
- 16.12 Joint Work Product. This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly


interpreted in accordance with its terms. In the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

- 16.13 No Third Party Beneficiaries; Disclaimer of Agency. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any third-party beneficiary rights hereunder. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party; nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against, in the name of, or on behalf of the other Party, unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.
- 16.14 No License. No license under patents, copyrights, or any other intellectual property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party, or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.
- 16.15 Technology Upgrades. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Parties' ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise, provided it is to industry standards, and that the Party initiating the upgrade shall provide the other Party written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the incorporation of any such upgrade in its network which will materially impact the other Party's service. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the cost and effort of accommodating such changes in its own network.

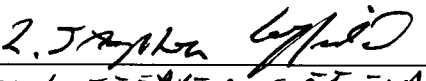
- 16.16 Entire Agreement. The terms contained in this Agreement and any Schedules, Exhibits, tariffs and other documents or instruments referred to herein are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if set forth fully herein, and constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written. Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by an officer of each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the dates listed below.

AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC by AT&T
Wireless Services, Inc., it's Manager

By: 
Name: Kurt C. Maass
Title: VP
Date: 6/13/01

Rock Hill Telephone Company

By: 
Name: L. STEPHEN COFFIELD
Title: SA. VP. FINANCE & OPER. AFF.
Date: 6/15/01

ATTACHMENT A

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